Guidelines for Rain Water Storage, Maintenance of Parks etc. in Cities

†1333. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines regarding storage of rain water, construction and maintenance of parks and ponds at the time of releasing grants or any other funds for the development of various categories of cities and Metropolitan cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL). (a) and (b) Government has circulated guidelines & other relevant literature on rain water harvesting for augmentation of ground water storage to all State Governments, Union Territories, Central Public Works Department, Delhi Development Authority, etc. for implementation in those areas where there has been considerable decline in the ground water level. They have also been advised to make a beginning in Government offices/buildings and housing complexes with the assistance of the Central Ground Water Board. However, this Ministry does not have any scheme of providing grants or funds for this purpose at present.

(c) Does not arise

Illegal constructions in Government Colonies

1334. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3635 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th April, 2002 and state:

(a) the date on which CPWD authorities informed Directorate of Estates regarding illegal construction against each allottee;

(b) the date on which Directorate of estates took action against each allottee;

(c) the date on which allottees were issued notices by Directorate of Estates for removal of illegal/unauthorized constructions;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the number of allottees who have demolished illegal constructions and informed Directorate of Estates through CPWD enquiry; and

(e) the number of allottees who have not demolished illegal constructions and the action taken by Directorate of Estates as on date against each allottee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) A statement showing the requisite information is given in Annexure. [See Appendix 196, Annexure No. 18.]

(d) Seven.

(e) As per provisions of SR 317-B-21, if an officer to whom a residence has been allotted, resorts to unauthorised construction/encroachment in any part of the residence, the Directorate of Estates may cancel the allotment. Representations have been received from various quarters in this regard and a policy on the whole issue is under formulation.

Funds for mega city projects

1335. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agreed to release the funds for Mega City Projects for Kolkata, Channai, Hyderabad and Bangalore during Eighth and Ninth Plan Period; and

(b) the funds provided, so far, by Government and State Governments during the above period and thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the funds released by the Central and State Governments during the Eight and Ninth Plan period under the Mega City Scheme is given.